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QUARTERLY REPORT  
OF THE  
STATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
HELENA, MONTANA

OCTOBER 1, 1954



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#### VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PERSONNEL

##### Administrative

Ruby A. Miller  
Annette L. Lewis  
Nellie McKnight  
Eunice Bishop

Superintendent  
Field Visitor  
Business Manager  
Part-Time Assistant Superintendent  
and Grade Teacher  
Clerk-Typist and Relief Teacher

Elaine Hoover

##### Maintenance

Martin VanDiest  
Brice Vercellin  
Joe John

Engineer  
Commissary and Grounds  
Handy-Man - Helper



TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR ARONSON  
AND THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

GREETINGS:

May I submit the quarterly report of the State Vocational School for Girls for the period beginning July 1 and ending September 30, 1954:

POPULATION REPORT

Girls admitted since the school opened in 1920 - - - 980.

Movement of Population for Quarter

Inmate days for month of July	946
Inmate days for month of August	879
Inmate days for month of September	<u>1,022</u>
Inmate days for the Quarter	2,847

New Commitments for Quarter:

July	(2)
August	(4)
September	(0) 2 returned

Summer School attendance:

Of the 32 girls enrolled in July, 32 had perfect attendance.  
Of the 36 girls enrolled in August, 36 had perfect attendance.  
Of the 36 girls enrolled in September, 36 had perfect attendance.

No runaways to report this Quarter.

Two girls who graduated last year were enrolled in the Waves and are at Bainbridge, Maryland, at Boot Camp at present.

One girl who graduated with last year's class is attending the College of Education in Great Falls and is doing very well.

We have a student at State College in Bozeman enrolled in the Nurse's Course. She is doing very well and is very ambitious to become a registered nurse.

School Population at Present

Grade School	9 - EighthGrade	9 - ungraded	18
Freshman			14
Sophomores			7
Juniors			4
Seniors			<u>7</u>
		Total	50

After school started this fall, the family of one of our girls was located in Bakersfield, California. After much communication and planning, she was returned to her people. You can imagine the happiness that this little girl, who had been abandoned early in her life, found when she realized that she, too, had a family to go to.

COTTAGE PERSONNEL

Canaday Hall

Relief and Head Matron  
Morning Matron  
Afternoon Matron  
Kitchen Supervisor  
Night Matron  
Matron (Relief at Large)

Mrs. Marie Flaherty  
Mrs. Ida McConaha  
Mrs. Lucille Selfridge  
Mrs. Gladys Anderson  
Mrs. Elizabeth Pickett  
Mrs. Maude Brazier



Maria Dean Cottage

Morning Matron and Head Matron  
Afternoon Matron  
Night Matron  
Kitchen Supervisor  
Relief Matron

Mrs. Emma Dunn  
Mrs. Lucille Howery  
Mrs. Kathryn Keckler  
Mrs. Pauline Moles  
Mrs. Mary Fletcher

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

High School Principal (English and Declamation)  
Home Making  
Social Studies and Gym  
Commercial and Library  
Junior High  
Music

Mrs. Mildred Fredregill  
Mrs. Geraldine Leary  
Mrs. Evelyn Massman  
Mrs. Betsy Campbell  
Mrs. Eunice Bishop  
Mrs. Isabel Giulio

Part Time - Carl Ortloff

Millicent Smigaj

Band  
Orchestra  
Drum Corps  
Beauty Culture  
Better Grooming

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL DURING THIS QUARTER

Mrs. Elizabeth Wieback, Kitchen Supervisor, was replaced by Pauline Moles.  
Mrs. Lucille Selfridge succeeded Mrs. Marge O'Connor as Afternoon Matron at Canaday Hall.  
Mrs. Gladys Anderson replaced Mrs. Adkins as Kitchen Supervisor at Canaday Hall.  
Mrs. Hugh Massman was added to the teaching staff.  
Miss Elaine Hoover replaced Mrs. Louise Brewer as office assistant and Relief Teacher.  
Mrs. Betsy Campbell of Windsor College replaced Mrs. Leidig in the Commercial department.

PHYSICAL PLANT

Work of remodeling and repairing Adair Cottage continued.  
Pipe line for gas laid during the Quarter.  
Several girls' rooms sanded and varnished at Canaday Hall.  
Porch at Canaday painted.  
Two coats of varnish on Gym floor.  
Evergreens sprayed for red spider and spit-bug.  
Swamp sprayed for mosquito extermination.  
Hedges trimmed, trees trimmed.

SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING EVENTS OF THIS QUARTER

Fourth of July Picnic at Hauser Lake, swimming, games and good eats. Fireworks on the school campus in the evening. Martin VanDiest, our engineer, had charge of the display. Martial music was played during the exhibit and friends from town came out to share the fun with the girls.

Softball kept the girls happy and they enjoyed playing with the other teams of the Municipal League of which they were a member.

Summer school was very interesting from the standpoint of subject matter. Classes in First Aid, Montana History, Geography and Government, Commercial subjects, Beauty Culture and Music kept the girls busy and happy.

Two weeks' vacation between summer school and the fall term was something to look forward to during the summer.

A delightful day in Yellowstone Park will be one of the pleasurable memories. This is a tradition.





Miss Lewis attended Summer School at Ohio State University where she took a special course in Clinical Psychology. She will have charge of the Psychological Testing Program.

Dr. Byron and twenty-four of his students who were taking the Workshop in Juvenile Delinquency at the Eastern College of Education at Billings came to lunch and spent the afternoon visiting the school. We played our tape-recordings of the declamatory work, also selections recorded by our Drum Corps, Orchestra, and Glee Club. They were pleased with the work being done by the school. In the words of Dr. Byron, "I had no idea such work was being done in Montana." We were very pleased.

Two of our girls were invited to attend a religious camp sponsored by the Youth for Christ movement at Clydehurst, a camp near Big Timber. The girls had a marvelous time and were asked to attend again next summer.

The fall term of school began the day after Labor Day. Labor Day was celebrated by a Field Day - games, contests and a picnic in the park by the outdoor grill. The pictures taken of the costumes and activities show that all had a wonderful time.

The girls were responsible for the religious services during the summer.

The Soroptimists had a picnic and held their weekly meeting at the school in August. They reported a good time and enjoyed seeing the school and acquainting themselves with the program offered girls here. Some had never seen the place before.

Mrs. Fredregill's Biology class is proud of its two love birds and its bowl of gold fish.

Miss Ruby A. Miller attended the Welfare Conference in Butte.

Our Quartette sang at the dedication of the annex to the Eagles Hall. They also sang at a weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Giulio, our music teacher, accompanied them.

Thirty-two girls took a trip on the Last Chancer after finishing their course in Montana History, under Mrs. Bishop. They sang western songs during the trip. The lecture which they enjoyed helped them to fix more firmly in their minds the facts they had learned about the early history of Helena and vicinity. We also have a share in "Helena Unlimited."

August 1, Miss Miller attended a conference of Superintendents of Western Institutions at Kearney, Nebraska. It was a very interesting conference. One of the three members of the Nebraska Board of Control will visit us in November, as she was very impressed with our program for girls. The Boys' Industrial School, where the meetings were held, is in Kearney and the Girls' School is located at Geneva, Nebraska. We visited Boys' Town at Omaha on the return trip.

The executive board held their meeting on September 14. All the members were present. Five girls were parolled and three girls received their discharges.

Montana Youth for Study and Action Committee called at the school after their meeting in the Senate Chambers.

We were very happy to have Mrs. Chambers, Chairman of the Board of Education's Budget Committee, and the other members of her committee visit our school. We hope to have other members of the State Board visit us to see what we are attempting to do in connection with the rehabilitation of our little Montana teenage girls. We thank her and her committee for their careful and kind consideration of our budget as submitted.

To the Board of Education, the Budget Committee, and all others who have been keenly interested in our program, we are deeply thankful. Your recognition and understanding of our problems in the process of rehabilitating our youthful offenders, is most heartening. Many thanks for this help.

Respectfully submitted by,

(Miss) Ruby A. Miller, Superintendent  
Vocational School for Girls



# TRIAL BALANCE

Showing the condition of the books of the VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS at the close of business on September 30, 1954

## VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

September 30, 1954

		DR.	CR.
11	General Administration - Operationg	\$ 7,657.49	
12	General Administration - Capital	70.73	
14	General Administration - Inventory	3,042.00	
21	Educational System - Operation	4,649.48	
22	Educational System - Capital	44.95	
23	Educational System - Rprs. & Rpls.	43.95	
24	Educational System - Inventory	6,118.44	
21-A	Farm Operation	807.51	
31	Physical Plant - Operation	4,798.46	
32	Physical Plant - Capital	1,039.50	
33	Physical Plant - Rprs. & Rpls.	5,103.12	
34	Physical Plant - Inventory	485,003.66	
41	Subsistence	7,781.09	
521-1	General Administration - General Appropriation		\$ 24,017.74
521-2	General Administration - P. E. R. S.		315.05
521-3	General Administration - Teachers' Retirement		74.26
521-5	General Administration - Repairs - Adair Building		4,460.40
521-6	General Administration - Fire Escapes		500.00
528	Income Due from Counties		1,423.50
54	Lease of Land		506.00
611	Cash in Office	0.00	
612	Cash in Bank	1,129.23	
625	Accounts Receivable	26,734.85	
625-1	Accounts Receivable--Special	237.43	
628	Remittance to General Fund	1,339.00	
63	Advance to State Treasurer	636.37	
72	Claims Pending		2,320.28
73	Inmates' Deposits		665.90
74	Contingent Fund		298.03
75	Due State of Montana		636.37
8	Surplus		521,019.73
		<u>556,237.26</u>	<u>556,237.26</u>

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